Remission of Land-tax.

27. *MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received a petition from the inhabitants of Kilimanoor *re* remission of land-tax for the years 1109 and 1110 ; and

(*b*) if so, the action they have taken in the matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) :

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was recorded, as it was not considered necessary that Government should interfere in the matter.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know from the Government whether the Government will be helping the Kilimanoor Chief in the realisation of tax from the inhabitants of Kilimanoor ?

(Rao Sahib Dr. N. Kunjan Pillai, Chief Secretary to Government, with the permission of the Chair, answered the question in the absence of Mr. K. George, Land Revenue Commissioner).

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Please repeat the question.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know from the Government whether they are helping the Kilimanoor Kottaram in the realisation of tax from the inhabitants of Kilimanoor through the Tahsildar of the Chirayinkil taluk?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the Government what is meant by saying that it was not considered necessary to interfere in the matter ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government considered it not necessary to interfere. It is a matter to be settled by the Kilimanoor Chief and the people concerned. The people concerned should have petitioned the Kilimanoor Chief and not the Government.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*) : May I know whether the inhabitants of Kilimanoor have submitted a petition to His Highness the Maha Raja ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They have.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : Is it because Government did not feel it necessary to interfere or because they have no power to interfere, that Government did not interfere ?

PRESIDENT : That has been answered.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*) : If the Government have not got the power to interfere, the question does not arise.

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government, if at all, can advise the Chief ; but nothing more can be done by Government. So the member may take it that it is not possible for Government to interfere nor do they consider it necessary to do so.

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MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know whether, in the light of the remission of tax that they have made in regard to other subjects of His Highness the Maha Raja, the Government have considered it necessary to advise the Chief on the matter and, if not, why?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The people concerned could make a representation to the Chief; and if the Chief refuses to accede to the request, then they may approach Government.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Are the Government aware that repeated representations were made to the Chief and they were all met with stern refusal at his hands?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Then may I know why Government did not advise the Chief in this matter?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government thought that this was a matter which should be settled by the Chief and the people concerned and that it was not expedient for Government to interfere.

PRESIDENT: All these questions are matters of opinion, and it is no use challenging one view by another.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Did the Government feel that the ryots are in need of relief?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Probably since other cultivators of this State have been given relief, it would have been proper if the Chief had granted the same relief to his tenants.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know why the Government did not advise the Chief to do so?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government did not consider it expedient to interfere, as it is a matter to be settled by the Chief and his tenants.

Road from Punnamoodu to the Vellayani Temple.

28. * MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): With respect to the answer to question No. 74 of the last session of the Assembly, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) when the Chief Engineer submitted the report to Government; and

(*b*) whether the Government have passed any final order on the report?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): (*a*) On 9-5-1935.

(*b*) No.

MR. T. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara II*): May I know, Sir, whether at least after the receipt of the interpellation the Chief Engineer had addressed the Government to the effect that this matter should be treated as urgent?

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